(2) Yes, but other arrangements were made for the supply of sufficient quantity of water.

The St. Joseph's Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd., Narakkal.

143. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) if the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies or his Assistant has, during the inspection of the books, etc., of the St. Joseph's Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd., Narakkal, come across unstamped or insufficiently stamped documents or promissory notes;

(b) if they have so come across, on how many instances;

(c) and what action have they taken to have due stamp fees collected;

(d) if they have not come across such instances, will the Government be pleased to instruct those officers to inspect and find out the real state of affairs?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a), (b) and (c). The Assistant Registrar inspected the records of the Bank, but no unstamped or insufficiently stamped documents or promissory notes came to his notice.

(d) The Government do not consider it necessary to issue the instructions referred to.

The criterion in selecting officers for promotion.

144. Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether qualification, both academic and special, or mere length of service under our Government is the criterion in selecting officers for the higher appointments in the State?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to S. O. No. 18.

The circular regarding Kanom deeds.

145. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) is there a circular issued by the Government or the Superintendent of Registration that only *Kanom* demises with a provision that they shall be renewed at the end of 12 years from the date of the demise shall alone be registered in the Registry Offices in Cochin, and that in the absence of such provision the document should be refused registration;

(2) if so, in how many cases, have registration been refused on this ground by each of the Registrars in the Cochin State, since the Tenancy Regulation came into force;

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(3) under what section is power taken to issue such a circular;

(4) will the Government be pleased to rescind the circular which does not seem to be supported by any provision of law?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) No.

(2), (3) and (4). No answer is called for in view of the answer to part (1).

The amalgamation of the Registration and the Anchal Departments.

146. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുഞ്ഞുമുഹമ്മദ്.—റജിസ്ട്രേഷൻഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമേണ്ടും അഞ്ചൽഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമേണ്ടും കൂടി ഘടിപ്പിക്കുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു് ആലോചിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. വെങ്കുഅയ്യർ.—ഈ സംഗതി ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിന്റെ ആലോചനയിൽ വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

The establishment of a Panchayat for Cranganur.

147. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുഞ്ഞുമുഹമ്മദ്.—കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർതാലൂക്കിൽ പഞ്ചായത്തു് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു് ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു് വല്ലതും പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ? കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ ഇന്നകാലംമുതൽ പഞ്ചായത്തു് ഏർപ്പെടുത്തുമെന്നു് ഖണ്ഡിതമായി പറയുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു് കനിയുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. വെങ്കുഅയ്യർ.—ഉവ്വു്. കാലം ഖണ്ഡിതമായി പറയുവാൻ സാദ്ധ്യമല്ല.

148. **Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend introducing Village Panchayats in the Cranganur Taluk at an early date?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The matter is under consideration.

Committees and their work.

149. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the exact work done thus far by the several Committees appointed since the opening of the Legislative Council with the expenditure incurred on each of these with details?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A statement is appended. (*Vide Appendix VIII.*)

The Excise Committee.

150. **Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur** .—Will the Government be pleased to state .—

(a) when the Excise Committee was formed by the Government;

(b) how many times the Committee has met and when;

(c) what, if any, was the business transacted at each meeting of the Committee;

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